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TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA

REF: SEOUL 2135

1. SECOND SESSION OF TRIAL OF KIM CHI-HA UNDER ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 ABRUPTLY POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 18. NO EXPLANATION FOR POSTPONEMENT GIVEN BY COURT.

2. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SOURCE REPORTS TRIAL POSTPONED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM KCIA BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BLUNT CRITICISM BY OVERSEAS SUPPORTERS, PARTICULARLY IN JAPAN, THAT CHARGES HAVE PLACED AGAINST KIM WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE.

3. COMMENT: REAL REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT MOST PROBABLY ROKG DESIRE NOT TO HOLD POLITICALLY PROVOCATIVE TRIAL DURING CURRENT PERIOD WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN TIME OF STUDENT DISTURBANCES.  
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